

## Abstract

A system and method for controlling access to a document processing device based on roles assigned to user groups. Each group of users has certain functions for which they are authorized to use the document processing device. The device compares a username and password with correlating information stored in an authentication server. The server transmits a list of functions for which the user is authorized to employ the device. The device then compares the requested function with the authorized functions to determine if the user is allowed to utilize the document processing device for the requested function. The document processing device then performs the authorized requested function.